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## MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

### AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

We have been having lots of rain.

The farmers are "laying-by" their cotton crops.

How many of us realize that the year 1897 is more than half gone?

Several Lake Citizens came down last Friday to attend the base ball game.

Several young ladies from the country attended the base ball game last Friday afternoon.

The wet weather has thrown back considerably farm work—the process of "laying-by."

Oh, no; this is not the hottest weather you ever felt. You said the very same thing last summer.

This is the season when the members of a family begin the day by a quarrel at the breakfast table as to who sleeps in the hot test room.

The county superintendent of education urges all colored school teachers to attend the teachers' institute here next week, as matter of importance will be discussed.

Quite a number of our people will go up to Lake City to attend the campaign meeting, notwithstanding the fact that the campaigners will address the people here tomorrow.

In a list of dispensary shortages filed by chief clerk Lawrence with the State Board of Control we note that Mr. R. R. Stotts, of Kingstree, is reported as being \$473 50 short.

The town council is having the pump in front of Mr. R. H. Kellahan's residence repaired, so that the owners of stock will have some place in that part of town to water their horses.

Perhaps our town council thinks the luxuriant growth of weeds and grass on our streets is conducive to the good health and appearance of the town; we can attribute its failure to have the streets cleaned to no other reason.

Why is it we have no board of health? At this season of the year an active, progressive and aggressive board of health is needed very much. A walk through town on a hot night will soon convince you that it is wanted, and that badly.

The approaching municipal election is causing much talk among our citizens even at this early day. We have seen two tickets as prepared by friends of prospective mayoralty candidates but no real nominations have yet been made.

There seems to be some confusion as to the date of the Senatorial campaign meeting for Williamsburg county. It will take place August 26th. The Congressional campaign meeting will occur here tomorrow (Friday) and at Lake City Saturday.

The Congressional campaign meeting will take place here tomorrow. Comptroller-general James Norton, Solicitor J. M. Johnson, sheriff D. J. Bradham, Mr. J. E. Ellerbe and Ferd D. Bryant, Esq., are expected to be present, as all of them are candidates.

There is some talk of having a moonlight picnic at the white sand hills on Mr. James McClary's place tonight.

We have been told that there is a regularly organized board of health in Kingstree, but no one seems to know who are members of it.

A game of base ball between the Kingstree and "Black River" clubs was played Tuesday afternoon, the local club winning, the score standing 25 to 17.

Our Black Mingo correspondent "Good Boy" will find that our Dock correspondent has an article about the "back-down" of the Black River base ball club.

The following letters remain at the postoffice uncalled for, and are advertised as "dead": W. E. James, Isaiah Pressley, Miss L. A. Jenkins, Mary Jane Wilson.

There will be a game of base ball here tomorrow (Friday) afternoon between the clubs of Kingstree and Indiantown. It is said that Indiantown has a "crack" team, and a good game may be expected.

It is bad enough to have hogs in an incorporated town at all, but when they are allowed to roam over one's yard and through the streets at will, it is really more than one can submit to without a protest.

When a stranger enters Kingstree the first thing that attracts his attention is the beautiful green grass and tall weeds on the streets, and the first thing that strikes him at all forcibly is the stench from the numerous hog pens.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the South Carolina College which appears in another column. Under the management of its new president, Prof. F. C. Woodward, this excellent school will maintain its high standard among the colleges of the south.

It is surprising to know the large number of people who can tell an editor what to say and what not to say in his paper. Any one who desires to run this paper for a while can do so if they will furnish us enough money to spend the vacation in the mountains or at the seashore.

A new enemy to the cotton plants has made its appearance in portions of Abbeville County. It is a diminutive bug about the size of a bed bug. It appears in great numbers and devours the leaf, stem and bloom of the plant. The farmers of that section are greatly exercised over the appearance of this hitherto uncommon enemy to their money crop.

Dr. C. B. Graham, of Darlington, was in town last week. Dr. Graham has been running an advertisement in The County Record for about six weeks in which he said he would pay the travelling expenses of anyone giving him dental work to the amount of \$10. He said that he only expected Williamsburgers to see and take advantage of his offer, but in this he was mistaken, for he has been almost overrun with people from Florence, Marlboro, Marion, Sumter and other counties who had read the "ad." As an advertising medium, Dr. Graham says The County Record "takes the cake."

The country editor may not know it all, but he doesn't live long in a community without knowing a deuced sight more than he publishes.—Sheldon Mail.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

### BRIEF MENTION OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND DON'T KNOW.

Those of Our Citizens Who are Visiting at Other Places.—Our Visitors.—Other Mention.

Mr. R. B. Lyons is improving, though slowly.

Mr. R. K. Wallace spent Sunday in Lake City.

Master Wilmont Gilland has been quite sick, but is out again.

Mrs. Lula Brockinton and children are visiting relatives in Manning.

Master Willie Askins, of Lake City spent several days in Kingstree this week.

Miss Lula Strong has returned after a two-weeks' visit to relatives in the country.

Messrs. Thos. M. Gilland and W. W. Matthews went down to Charleston last Monday on legal business.

Messrs. Edwin Harper, S. M. McClary and William Epps are shipping grapes to the northern markets every day.

Miss Dell Kellahan, who has been boarding in town and attending the Kingstree academy, returned to her home in St. Stephens last night.

Mrs. Alice Pendergrass, the mother of Mrs. Louis Stackley, left Friday for Florence, to visit her daughters, Misses Minna and Mattie, who are both sick.

Master Roland Flowers, the young son of Mrs. T. D. Flowers, had his hand very badly mashed at the depot last Friday. Drs. Wallace and Johnson were sent for and dressed the wounded member, and the little fellow is now doing well.

Mr. C. W. Wolfe, principal of the Bennettsville graded school, is in town on a visit to relatives. Mr. Wolfe was raised in Williamsburg, and has about as many friends throughout the county as any young man in it, all of whom are glad to know that he is doing well in his adopted home.

Miss Katie Lee Dickson was married on Tuesday, June 29th, 1897, in the Presbyterian church at Harlem, N. Y., to Mr. Charlie Baird, of that place. While the marriage was very much of a surprise to Miss Dickson's friends in Kingstree, they all nevertheless wish her much prosperity and happiness in her marital state.

Mr. R. B. Roper, of Single, was in town last Monday, and paid us a very pleasant call. Mr. Roper is one of the substantial residents of Williamsburg county and is one who knows how to appreciate a good thing. He has been accustomed to sending off for his job printing, but now has it done right here at home—he patronizes The County Record job office.

Mr. W. R. Yarborough, of Columbia Florida is on a visit to his father, Mr. Louis Yarborough, of this place. Mr. Yarborough went to Florida about three years ago, and this is his first visit to his old home since he left here. He says he is highly pleased with his new home, and would not exchange residences with any one here. He will remain in Kingstree until about the first of August, when he will return to "The Land of Flowers".

## KINGSTREE VICTORIOUS.

### The Lake City Base Ball Club Overwhelmingly Defeated.

The second game of base ball between the nines of Kingstree and Lake City was played on the former's grounds, last Friday afternoon, resulting in a victory for the home team. The Lake City club, to use the slang of the "rooters," were "not in it." Epps, for Kingstree, caught a magnificent game, and Gilland pitched the game of his life. He struck out nine men as against one by Webster, and Gilland gave only one man his base on balls while Webster and Epps, of the Lake City team, gave five. The Kingstree nine all batted heavily, two and three-base-hits being frequently made. Arms and Gilland both knocked home runs while three men were on bases.

Only seven innings were played, the game being called on account of rain, but Kingstree was so far ahead that the other two innings would not have changed the result. For three innings the Lake City men went out in one, two, three order. The Kingstree nine was "shut out" only one time.

Webster pitched the first three and the last three innings for Lake City. In the fourth M. Epps was put in the pitcher's box and the local club made nine scores. The visiting team started off well the score standing four to two in Lake City's favor at the close of the second inning. In the fifth however, our club "pulled together" and "shut out" the visitors, and in their half of the inning made nine runs. There was almost a total absence of "kicking" there being no objection to the umpire's decisions save once. Taking it altogether it was a good game, and there was much enthusiasm displayed. Quite a number of ladies were present and they encouraged our boys by their cheers and waving their handkerchiefs.

The clubs were composed as follows: Lake City: Taylor, c.; Epps, c. f.; Kelley, l. f.; Morris, 1st. b.; Webster, p.; Epps, v., r. f.; Epps, J., 2nd. b.; Carsten, 3rd. b.; Epps, M., s. s. Kingstree: Elwell, 3rd. b.; Brown, r. f. Gilland, p.; Askins, c. f.; Jacobs, N., s. s.; Arms, l. f.; Epps, c.; Jacobs, J., 1st. b.; McClary, 2nd. b. The score by innings was as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Lake City	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	6
Kingstree	1	1	4	9	0	5	8	28

Mr. Will Campbell, of Greeleyville, put up a regular league ball and bat to be won by the successful team and so it goes to the local club. The Lake City boys owe our nine a game on the home grounds and Capt. Jacobs issued a challenge to them to play Friday of next week, but the challenge has been refused. Our boys hope however, to be able to induce the Lake Citizens to give 'em another "whack" at their team before long, so that the honors will not remain even for the season.

The Book & Toy Co., of Darlington, makes a specialty of base ball and other sporting goods. Orders left at the County Record office will receive prompt attention.

Be on the look-out for the agent of the Columbian Encyclopedia. He will be in Williamsburg county in a few weeks. adv.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

### SEVERAL LETTERS CONTAINING VALUABLE NEWS.

Items of Interest From Different Sections, All Boiled Down For Quick Reading. Scranton.

The "melon colic" days have come.

Dr. C. B. Graham, of Darlington, visited in Scranton this week.

Mr. H. M. Dennis and family of Cox, have moved to Scranton to live.

Messrs. M. A. Ross and J. P. Nelson, of Kingstree, spent Sunday in Scranton.

Miss Mamie Young, of Liberty, is spending some time with relatives in Scranton.

Dr. Covington Lee, of this section, has located at Harpers to practice his profession.

Capt. E. L. Johnson has been too unwell to look after his business for several days.

Mr. Solon Evans has got his saw mill about ready for work. He expects to commence sawing this week.

Miss Leila Byrd has been quite sick with fever, but at this writing her condition is greatly improved.

The telephone line from Scranton to Lake City is being put up, and will be ready for use in a few days.

Mrs. B. C. Whitehead and children returned Saturday from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Mars Bluff.

The tobacco planters are preparing their tobacco for market. Dr. Byrd has "cured" several barns already.

We think our honorable town council should turn their attention to the unsightly condition of our streets. They need to be looked after.

Messrs. R. L. Lee and J. D. Lewellen will leave in a day or two for Harris Lithia Springs where they will recreate for a while.

The base ball enthusiasts are not indigenous to these parts. Anything more exciting than a game of croquet or tennis is not indulged in here.

We understand that Rev. Mr. Clyde, of the Methodist church, will commence a protracted meeting at this place on the third Sabbath in this month.

Rev. J. J. Baggett and family have decided to remove to their former home in Clarendon county and will leave Scranton this week. We regret very much to lose such good citizens.

Mr. R. P. Byrd, one of the largest planters in Florence county, spent a day or two in town last week visiting his uncle, Dr. Byrd. Mrs. Byrd accompanied him.

Sam Willoughby is the man who bored the artesian wells at Greeleyville, and not Jack Willoughby, as erroneously stated by your correspondent, "Geems," last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth McAllister, an aged and respected lady, died at the house of her son, Mr. W. D. McAllister, last week. Her body was laid to rest in the High Hill cemetery, Rev. J. J. Baggett, of this place, conducting the funeral services.

The thermometer has been on the decline for the past few days.

One of Mr. W. W. Singletary's little sons died very suddenly a few days ago. The little fellow was playing with his father, apparently perfectly well, when he was seized with a spasm and expired in a few moments.

Rev. H. F. Oliver filled his appointment at the Baptist church last Saturday and Sunday, preaching two very able and impressive sermons. Mr. Oliver is an earnest and faithful minister, and it is a pleasure to hear him preach. Socially he is pleasant and attractive, and always impresses one with his high character.

"Pride of Darlington" smoking tobacco leads the market. For sale by W. G. Elwell & Co.

Notice to School Teachers.

In the article about the institute for colored teachers mentioned in our last issue, an error occurred as to the date. It will be held next Monday 16 Friday, July 19th to 23rd.

The county board of education met July 6th and appointed trustees for the various schools to serve for the next two years. An act of the last Legislature made the terms of the all school trustees expire June 30 ult. As a clause in the new State constitution prohibits school trustees from holding any other public position, a great number of old trustees whom it was very desirable to retain could not be reappointed.

The county superintendent of education urges all colored school teachers to attend the institute here next week, as matter of importance will be discussed.

Several colored people applied for teachers' certificates but not one could pass the examination.

Out of about ten white applicants for teachers' certificates, only four passed, and two first grade and two second grade certificates were issued by the board.

Messrs. Louis Stackley, M. A. Ross and W. R. Funk have been appointed school trustees for the Kingstree school district.

Order your base ball goods from the Book & Toy Co., Darlington S. C. Orders may be sent direct or left at the County Record office, and will receive prompt attention.

Mr. B. B. Chandler, of Rome our efficient and popular county supervisor, is going to organize a base ball club in his section next Saturday. While the gentleman's full cognomen is not "Base Ball Chandler," nevertheless he is quite an enthusiast when it comes to the national game. Although he has but one hand, Mr. Chandler can and does play excellent ball, and he will "hold down" short stop's position on the team that he is soon to organize. He told us last Monday when he called at our office to order the paraphernalia for the club, that Kingstree would have to play "great ball" if it intended to hold the championship of Williamsburg county this year.

Smoke "Pride of Darlington" tobacco. For sale by W. G. Elwell & Co.